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Owen Frederick Buell, son of Frederick Oliver and Lovina Elizabeth Carlile Buell, was born June 27, 1894 at Heber City. He

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was the fifth child in a family of eight, viz: Mary Stinkins, Jennie Henrichson, Owen F., Golda Mann, Florence Glover and Lois McConkie. He married Lizzie Belle Hicken, daughter of John Henry and Isabelle Helen Todd Hicken in the Mantle Temple January 2, 1918. She was the fourth child in a family of seven, viz: Catherine Rashund, Edhel Malvey, Lizzie Belle, Irvin Todd Hicken, Geneva Smith and Nellie Bennett.

Born to Owen and Lizzie were six children. Surviving are Karl Frederick, Jay H., Lucile Mahoney and LaRon Norman. All are married and have families.

Owen received his education in the elementary and high schools at Heber and the Utah State Agricultural College, where he was a member of the Alpha Delta Epsilon Fraternity. He taught school in Heber in 1917-18 and at the Sevier High School the following year.

As a boy he delivered groceries for his father's store. After returning from Richfield he took over the management of the store in 1920 upon the retirement of his father who moved to Provo. In 1927 most of the general stock was closed out and confined mostly to groceries along with fresh and cured meats which had been added a few years previous and self-service was introduced for the first time in Wasatch County.

In October 1933 the IGA System was adopted and a very complete stock of IGA and standard brands were stocked. The store room at this time was completely remodelled with new shelving, display counters and redecorated to comply with IGA requirements.

The front of the building had twice been remodelled, with an entirely new front in April of 1927. The business proved most successful for a period of 25 years. Because of other interests and the desire of Earl H. Smith & Sons to expand their business the stock and building was sold to them on July 25, 1944, and operates as Wasatch Market.

Owen has since been engaged in farming, registered Angus livestock and apartment rentals.

Owen has been active in civic affairs. He was a charter member of the Heber Lions Club and was secretary for ten years; served three two-year terms on the City Council and was a volunteer fireman from 1927 to 1959, serving as a secretary for sev-

eral years, and is now an honorary member. He was dependable and always there whenever the fire siren blew. He has been president of the Wasatch Mutual Insurance Co. for a number of years.

He has been active in church work, serving as Sunday School Superintendent, Stake Sunday School secretary and ward clerk for ten years. In 1939 he was called to a Stake Mission and served a year when he was released to serve as second counselor in the bishopric. He filled an LDS mission in Texas-Louisiana from 1950-52, accompanied by his wife the last six months. They were assigned to Waco, Texas.

Lizzie has always been active in various organizations, particularly in the Relief Society in which she has served as organist under several presidents, secretary for eight years, Theology teacher and second counselor in the presidency. She is now assigned on the quilt committee and also as a district visiting teacher for a number of years. Other than church work she has been secretary of the Garden Club, Ladies Firemen Auxiliary, DUP, Forget-me-not Camp and at present, secretary of the DUP County Board since 1956.

Upon returning from their mission in 1922 Owen was called as Stake Mission president and his wife as secretary until their release in September 1957. At present he is chairman of the ward genealogical committee and his wife as secretary. He is also secretary of the ward High Priests quorum.